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Machine Trades

Job Center Begins Work On New Unit

Groundbreaking ceremonies for an Industrial Technology building at the Southern California Regional Occupational Center were held this morning at the center's Torrance site, Crenshaw at Sepulveda boulevards.

The two-story structure, featuring a parking deck on top, will be built at a cost of \$2,242,000. Completion date is tentatively set for Sept. 1, 1969.

The center's planning director, Haig Marashlian, who coordinated plans for the new buildings, said the structure will be located next to the center's current main building. The 109,000 square-foot edifice will house programs in machine trade.

THE BUILDING'S program will train automotive specialists in the following categories: tune up, automatic transmission, brakes and front end, auto painting, auto body, diagnostic technique, and smog gas engine repair.

Also trained will be electronic assemblers, radio and television repairmen, and office and business machine repairmen.

Marashlian noted that a minimum of three sessions per day will be offered when

the building is completed. In many fields, especially the machine trades, sessions may be operating around around the clock because the demand for trained personnel is so great.

MARASHLIAN said the building's capacity will be 250 pupil stations.

Others present at the groundbreaking ceremony were representatives from Steed Bros., building contractors; architect Roy Donnelly of Donnelly-Bundy Associates; Center Superintendent Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh; Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend, who carried the legislation establishing the center; and center board members.

The building will be paid for out of a special loan from the State School Building Air Fund, made available through legislation introduced by Assemblyman Townsend.

THE PERMANENT school structure will be made from steel and concrete, with some masonry work.

Future plans for the center call for the addition of a 350,000 square foot structure to be located on the center's Crenshaw Boulevard frontage property.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING... Cy the Sea Lion, unofficial mayor of Marineland of the Pacific, sits down to a hearty Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner

complete with all the trimmings. Cy even neatly unfolded his napkin before diving in... to eat, that is!

Councilmen Will Review Charter Plan

City Councilmen voted last night to form a council subcommittee to study the proposed city charter currently being drafted by the city's Charter Review Committee.

The action came in the wake of last Tuesday's council decision to dissolve the Charter Review Committee, effective Dec. 31. At that time, however, councilmen asked the reviewers to come up with their final charter draft no later than Dec. 31.

The idea of the council subcommittee, proposed by Councilman Donald E. Wilson, met with opposition from Mayor Albert Isen, who said he couldn't see the point of forming a committee before the report had even been submitted to the council.

Members of the council subcommittee will be William Uerkwitz, chairman; Dr. Wilson; and Mayor Isen.

Voting for the committee's formation were Councilmen Ken Miller, Ross Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Wilson. Councilman Jay Beasley left the meeting before the vote because of illness.

Arson Charges Lodged

A rubbish disposal company operator has been ordered to answer charges of arson in Superior Court.

George M. Heboian, 43, of 2836 W. 181st St., Monday was held to answer on two counts of arson involving the burning of trucks belonging to another rubbish disposal firm.

Heboian is scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 9, in Superior Court. He was ordered held to answer the charges following a hearing before Municipal Court Commissioner Homer L. Garrott.

AT THE hearing Monday, Clinton Givens, 48, testified Heboian gave him \$1,100 to let gasoline out of several trucks, then set the fire. The trucks belonged to Fleet Disposal Co., of 572 W. 184th St., Gardena.

The fire, which occurred last Sept. 21, did \$71,000 in damage to the trucks.

Givens formerly worked in the Gardena area as a handyman.

Siren Test Due

Civil defense sirens of Los Angeles City and County will be sounded in a combined test of the warning systems, as is customary on the last Friday of the month, at 10 a.m. Friday, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess announced today.

City Approves New Ramp Plan

A plan to eliminate the south-bound off-ramp and on-ramp of the San Diego Freeway at Artesia Boulevard and relocate them at Prairie Avenue was approved at last night's City Council meeting.

The plan, under consideration during the past two years, will be an important factor in converting Prairie-Madrona Avenue into a major north-south traffic arterial.

Father, Son Hurt In Crash

A Torrance man and his son received lacerations and bruises Friday when the car in which they were riding plowed into the rear end of another vehicle on Crenshaw Boulevard near 190th Street, police said.

Treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital were Doyle E. Wolfgang, 44, of 2546 Maricopa Ave., who suffered lacerations on his chin and forehead, and his 13-year-old son Dexter, who also sustained facial lacerations. At the wheel of the other car was Howard Singer of Los Angeles. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

Director of Public Works Walter M. Nollac told councilmen that the city proposed the plan and had won approval from the state Division of Highways.

THE ON-RAMP from Artesia will be retained, Nollac said, but will be designed to pass under the off-ramp. A second on-ramp from Prairie Avenue is provided.

The project will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way in an undeveloped parcel abutting the homes to the south of the project area. It will also release a large parcel facing Artesia Boulevard where the present ramps are located.

A NET GAIN of 20,000 to 25,000 square feet to local tax rolls will be realized from the project. The property will be more usable following the exchange than it is now, Nollac said. No funds are yet available for the project, postponing construction for about two years. "This delay would make the modification more nearly fit our schedule for opening Prairie Avenue through Mobil Oil Corp.," Nollac related.

Detailed plans for the new ramp pattern have not yet been completed.

Mountain Camp to Be Classroom For Students at Hillside School

Eleven Torrance students have swapped their books for brooks this week. Instead of reading literature, they are reading the land.

The students are members of a special education class at Hillside Elementary School — and they are doing their learning in an outdoor mountain classroom run by Los Angeles County.

This year more than 100 seventh and eighth grade Torrance special education students will travel with their teachers to Colby Ranch near Mt. Wilson to spend a week studying nature.

ALTHOUGH students from other school districts in the county have participated in the outdoor school program for several years, this marks the first time that Torrance youngsters have joined the venture.

Purpose of the program, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, is "to provide those learning experiences that can only be learned in an outdoor environment."

Sharing cabins with Torrance students are youngsters from the ABC school

district. Students from six other districts also use the campsite, which is leased by the county from the California Methodist Council.

STAFFING the outdoor school are seven full-time certificated teachers who have specialized in geology, conservation, and science. Twelve college-age teaching assistants double as camp counselors.

Torrance students are accompanied by their regular classroom teacher and a cabin aide. The volunteer cabin aides are local high school students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and who plan on entering a service field as a career.

Although the school district picks up the tab for the educational program, students are expected to pay for the cost of their food for five days and trip insurance, which amounts to \$10 per student. In cases where the cost would be a hardship on the student, the Torrance PTA Council foots the bill.

PRIOR to departing for the week in the mountains, students bone up for a

month with their teacher. They read up on conservation, see films and filmstrips dealing with nature, and listen to records telling about the out-of-doors.

After they return, they spend a week with their teacher evaluating the experience and talking about ways to apply their new knowledge to their own area. How do the students learn to "read the land?"

In one typical day at Colby Ranch recently, a visiting educator noted the following activities underway:

AS SHE drove up, a group of youngsters were returning from an all-day hike, clutching tadpoles. Another group were examining the site of a forest fire with a forest ranger. Experiments with soil erosion were being conducted. Students were planting saplings and grass where the fire had stripped away the greenery.

Later in the day she saw a group of youngsters who had learned to recognize different rocks panning for gold in a stream. Other students were charting earthquake fault lines. Still others were jotting down ef-

fects of the weather on the area. And a group of boys and girls were picking apples in the orchard.

At dinner the students demonstrated their adeptness at living together as they set the table, hosted a family meal, introduced their guest, and cleaned up.

COORDINATING the program for Torrance schools is Mrs. Florence Needles, special education assistant.

Although the program is in its trial phase for Torrance students this year, if results prove as successful as they appear to be thus far, Mrs. Needles stated, the school district will recommend continuing the program as a permanent part of the education of the district's special education students.

High school students serving as cabin aides include: Donna Linneborn, Susan Skay, and Debbie Whillock of West High School; Leona Wisdom, Donna Lamb, and Barbara Durlan of North High School; Steve Nevel, Daren Vomsteg, and Debra Neel of Torrance High School; and Bill Hendall and Bill Portney of South High.

Council Donates Pay Checks

Torrance councilmen turned down a request from the Pacific Coast Little League for \$758 in city funds last night, but voted to donate salaries paid them as directors of the city's Redevelopment Agency to the Little League. The League had sought the money to plant grass on a new baseball diamond. Councilmen agreed, however, to give the \$15 paid each of them for their Redevelopment Agency posts to the Little League—a total of \$105.

Men's Rings Stolen

Eleven men's diamond rings, valued at nearly \$2,800, were taken from a jewelry store in the South Bay Center Monday afternoon. The theft was reported at Lawson's Jewelers. Someone apparently took the rings between 4 and 5 p.m. while clerks in the store were busy with customers. The theft was discovered when an employee found an empty ring tray hidden behind one of the counters. Actual value of the 11 rings was \$2,779, store officials said.

Arrest Warrant Issued

A warrant for the arrest of one of five men indicted by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury in a complicated car theft case. Being sought is Woodrow Gandy, 37, of Los Angeles, Gandy, whose whereabouts are unknown, is under indictment on two counts each of auto theft and receiving stolen property. Four other men indicted on charges of conspiracy, theft and receiving stolen property have filed a joint motion for dismissal of the charges. They are Richard G. Faren, 31, of Torrance; Louis L. Purcell, 33, of Gardena; Henry B. Halicki, 27, of Gardena, and John Paul Brady, 38, of Rolling Hills Estates. They will return to court Dec. 23 for a ruling on the motion for dismissal.